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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 12th St. SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-98

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- As a petition for reconsideration,
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